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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting**

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 98th meeting on February 24-26, 1998, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, December 3, 1997 (62 FR 63970).

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows: Tuesday, February 24, 1998—8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, February 25, 1998—8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, February 26, 1998—8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

#### **A. Meeting With NRC's Director, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)**

The Committee will meet with the Director to discuss recent developments within the division such as developments at the Yucca Mountain project, rules and guidance under development, available resources, and other items of mutual interest.

#### **B. Viability Assessment**

Representatives of the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Project office will discuss the status of the viability assessment being performed for the proposed high-level waste repository. The purpose of this effort is to make an informed assessment of the viability of licensing and constructing a repository at Yucca Mountain, NV.

#### **C. Risk-Informed and, Where Appropriate, Performance-Based Regulation**

The Committee will review a proposed Commission paper on the use of risk-informed and, where appropriate, performance-based and less prescriptive regulation by NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards.

#### **D. Implementing Rule for the Proposed Yucca Mountain Repository**

The Committee will review the NRC staff's proposed strategy for

development of regulations governing disposal of high-level waste at the proposed Yucca Mountain, NV high-level waste repository.

#### **E. Nuclear Waste Related Research**

The Committee will review various aspects of waste related research that is underway or planned in preparation of sending a report to the Commission. Participants may include representatives of the NRC staff, the nuclear industry, and possibly individuals representing foreign programs.

#### **F. Preparation of ACNW Reports**

The Committee will discuss planned reports, including comments on the NRC/NMSS staff's high-level waste Issue Resolution Status Report; nuclear waste research activities; risk-informed and, where appropriate, performance-based regulation; the implementing rule for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository; and other topics discussed during this and previous meetings as the need arises.

#### **G. Committee Activities/Future Agenda**

The Committee will evaluate topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The Committee will discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.

#### **H. Miscellaneous**

The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 1997 (62 FR 46382). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, Mr. Richard K. Major, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information

regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic and Severe-Accident Phenomena; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic and Severe-Accident Phenomena will hold a meeting on February 18, 1998, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: *Wednesday, February 18, 1998—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will review the elements of the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Programs pertaining to thermal-hydraulics, in support of the ACRS report to the Commission on Safety Research. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee